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SUBJECT: US-GDR RELATIONS

1. TWO REPS FROM GDR'S UN MISSION CALLED AT DEPARTMENT JUNE 18 TO REPORT ON PROGRESS GDR HAS MADE IN FINDING SUITABLE PROPERTY IN WASHINGTON. GDR AUTHORITIES HAVE NOW ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS OF EAST GERMAN ADMIN TEAM AND ARE PROCEEDING (A) TO PURCHASE FIRENZE ESTATE CONTINGENT ON ZONING BOARD'S APPROVAL OF GDR'S PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY AND (B) TO FIND BUILDING SUITABLE FOR IMMEDIATE USE AS CHANCERY.

2. ON BASIS OF THEIR JUNE 17-18 WASHINGTON VISIT, GDR REPS STATED THAT THEY WOULD RECOMMEND TO EAST BERLIN THAT GDR LEASE BUILDING ON WISCONSIN AVENUE NEAR MARYLAND LINE, A TWO FLOOR STRUCTURE CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY KNIGHTS OF
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COLUMBUS. GDR LAWYER AND REALTOR ARE NOW NEGOTIATING WITH

OWNER, WHO APPARENTLY HAS NOT MADE FINAL DECISION TO LEASE PROPERTY. ZONING IS NO PROBLEM.

3. GDR REPS INQUIRED WHEN THEY MIGHT COMMENCE PREPARATIONS FOR REMODELING BUILDING ON ASSUMPTION SUITABLE RENTAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE NEGOTIATED WITH OWNER. DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPLIED IT REMAINED US INTENTION TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS. OPENING EMBASSIES SOMETIME IN 1974 WAS STILL OUR TARGET. GDR WAS FREE TO SUBMIT

TIMETABLE TO US FOR BRINGING TECHNICIANS TO WASHINGTON WITH VIEW TO GETTING GDR CHANCERY READY FOR OCCUPANCY. WE WOULD CONSIDER GDR PROPOSAL SYMPATHETICALLY, THOUGH EYE WOULD HAVE TO BE KEPT ON PROGRESS MADE IN SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS. DEPT OFFICER ADDED THAT WITHIN THIS CONTEXT, IDEA OF BRINGING INITIAL GDR TEAM TO WASHINGTON THIS FALL SEEMED POSSIBLE. BROWN

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